

have tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans than veterans benefits. Period. No other explanation is plausible. It is almost impossible for me to believe that as the veterans population rises and ages, that this House would eliminate benefits.

Mr. Speaker, we have men and women on the field of battle in Iraq, fighting to make others free. Should we not honor their sacrifice by keeping our promises to those that have already served? Should we not eliminate these cuts in VA spending? The wealthy need a tax cut less than veterans need the health care they were promised. If our society has sunk to the point where we are choosing to dishonor service in order to make the rich richer, then we surely are not the great nation we once were.

Mr. Speaker, we should honor those who have served, those who were POWs, and those that gave the ultimate sacrifice.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE CYBERMOLESTERS ENFORCE- MENT ACT OF 2003

**HON. ROB SIMMONS**

OF CONNECTICUT  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to introduce my "Cybermolesters Enforcement Act of 2003," a bill that would bring today's high-tech child molesters to justice.

While the Internet has revolutionized communication and business, it unfortunately provides a tool for child molesters, and loopholes in the current law allow some of these predators to escape without any real consequences. And although it is already a federal crime to cross state lines to sexually molest a minor, in recent years the number of people using the Internet to violate this law has skyrocketed. I call these individuals "cybermolesters."

Cybermolesters are not easy to identify. They typically are well educated; middle-class citizens who have no previous criminal record and, as a result, tend to escape with little or no jail time. For example, convicted child pornographers receive ten-year mandatory sentences, but those who use the Internet to meet children and commit criminal sexual acts can receive no jail time at all. This double standard gives lighter sentences to a special set of privileged criminals. My bill would end this double standard by imposing a five-year mandatory minimum sentence for cybermolesters.

My bill also provides law enforcement with two important tools to combat those who prey on our nation's children. First, it would allow law enforcement to obtain a federal wiretap on those suspected of committing certain child sexual exploitation offenses, such as transmitting computer-generated child pornography, enticing a minor to travel for sexual activity, and transporting a minor for sexual activity. Second, it would classify child pornography as "contraband," which would enable law enforcement to seize it based upon probable cause and to destroy it automatically after its use, as evidence was no longer needed. This measure has the support of the FBI's "Innocent Images" Program, which is on the front lines of the battle against on-line pedophiles.

Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago the passage of H.R. 1104 was a clear demonstration of our

united support in improving the safety and welfare of our children. We cannot allow our law enforcement to lose step with an ever-evolving electronic society. We cannot allow these sexual predators to get away with the criminal acts they are committing against innocent children. We cannot allow one of our greatest advancements to become a tool for our biggest degenerates. The Cybermolester Enforcement Act will ensure that these "cyberpredators" are suitably punished and America's children are properly protected.

#### NATIONAL FORMER PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION DAY

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Americans who are currently serving our country, and those who have served so gallantly in the past. Particularly during this time of war, America's heroes of the past, as well as the present, must be honored and remembered. As such, I join Congressman HOYER and Congressman SKELTON to recognize today as National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day.

These soldiers, captured while fighting for freedom and the future of America, faced imprisonment with their fates unknown. These brave men and women looked their enemy in the face, persevered with honor, courage, and faith in their country—and survived. Many, however, were not so fortunate.

The ordeal of being a prisoner of war does not end once rescued from behind enemy lines. The physical, emotional, and spiritual toll of internment can take years, even a lifetime, to rebuild and overcome.

As former prisoners of war, you have gone beyond the call of your duty. You put your life, your blood, your soul on the line. This is a sacrifice most of us will never be able to comprehend. That burden, that sacrifice, that unfettered dedication to our country will forever make you national heroes.

We owe an inexpressible debt of gratitude to you, our former POWs, and to your families, whose prayers for a safe return were answered.

Today we honor you for your bravery, strength, and sacrifice. And tomorrow we will not forget.

#### TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S REAL HE- ROES AS OFFERED BY ALABAMA STATE AUDITOR BETH CHAPMAN

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago, a childhood friend, Beth Killough Chapman, who now serves my home state of Alabama with distinction as our State Auditor, made a speech at a "Stand up for America Rally" in the city of Pelham, a suburb of Birmingham.

Beth's remarks, although certainly unintended at the time, captured the views of

many of us in this country and sparked an emotional response from literally thousands of people in all 50 states, including many of the men and women who proudly wear the uniform of our military in defense of this great country.

Unlike so many of the speeches we hear in this city, Beth Chapman's remarks were not made with a particular slant that was either pro-Democrat or pro-Republican. Instead, Beth's comments were simply "pro-American," and after reading her words, it was obvious to me that the speech was made straight from the heart.

Mr. Speaker, in these uncertain times when so many people have questions about where we are going, what we are doing and who can we trust, I found Beth Chapman's words inspirational and comforting. I ask that her speech be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in its entirety, in hopes that even more people can be encouraged to stop and think about the true price of liberty and who is making the real sacrifices to preserve what is so dear to us all:

I'm here tonight because men and women of the United States military have given their lives for my freedom. I am not here tonight because Sheryl Crowe, Rosie O'Donnell, Jane Fonda, Martin Sheen, the Dixie Chicks, Barbra Streisand, the Beastie Boys, George Clooney or Phil Donahue, sacrificed their lives for me.

If my memory serves me correctly, it was not movie stars or musicians, but the United States Military who fought on the shores of Iwo Jima, the jungles of Vietnam, and the beaches of Normandy.

Tonight, I say we should support the President of the United States and the U.S. military and tell the liberal, tree-hugging, hippy, Birkenstock wearing, tie-dyed liberals to go make their movies and music and whine somewhere else.

After all, if they lived in Iraq, they wouldn't be allowed the freedom of speech they're being given here today—ironically, they would be put to death at the hands of Saddam Hussein or Osama Bin Laden.

I want to know how the very people who are against war because of the loss of life, can possibly be the same people who are for abortion?

They are the same people who are for animal rights but against the rights of the unborn.

The movie stars say they want to go to Iraq and serve as human shields for the Iraqis, I say let them buy a one-way ticket and go.

No one likes war, I hate war. But the one thing I hate more is the fact that this country has been forced into war—innocent people have lost their lives—and there but for the grace of God, it could have been my brother, my husband, or even worse my own son.

On December 7, 1941, there are no records of movie stars treading the blazing waters of Pearl Harbor.

On September 11, 2001; there are no photos of movie stars standing as human shields against the debris and falling bodies descending from the World Trade Center. There were only policemen and firemen—underpaid civil servants who gave their all with nothing expected in return.

When the USS *Cole* was bombed, there were no movie stars guarding the ship—where were the human shields then?

If America's movie stars want to be human shields, let them shield the gang-ridden streets of Los Angeles, or New York City, let them shield the lives of the children of North